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SUBJECT: TRANSYLVANIA: HUNGARIAN AUGUST 23 MESSAGE STRESSES
IMPLEMENTATION OF 1977 ROMANIAN-HUNGARIAN AGREEMENTS

REF: (A) BUCHAREST 5947 NOTAL, (B) BUDAPEST 3427

1. FURTHER TO REFTELS, IT MAY BE WORTH POINTING OUT CONNECTION
ROMANIANS ARE LIKELY TO SEE BETWEEN HUNGARIAN RETICENCE
RE HUA VISIT AND RESURRECTION OF TRANSYLVANIAN ISSUE IN
NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE TWO DAYS AFTER HUA LEFT BUCHAREST.

2. IN ADDITION TO "GOOD COLLABORATION OF OUR COUNTRIES AS
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MEMBERS OF WARSAW TREATY AND COUNCIL OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE, ON BASIS PRINCIPLES OF MARXISM-LENINISM, IN
SPIRIT PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" WHICH "SERVES
INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLES AND COMMON CAUSE OF PEOPLES WHO
ARE CONSTRUCTING SOCIALISM," KADAR-LOSONCZI-LAZAR MESSAGE
TO CEAUSESCU AND MANESCU ON OCCASION ROMANIAN NATIONAL
DAY AUGUST 23, AS PRINTED IN SCINTEIA THAT DAY, INCLUDES

FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: "IT IS OUR FIRM CONVICTION THAT THROUGH CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION OF 1977 DEBRECEN AND ORADEA AGREEMENTS WE CAN OBTAIN NEW SUCCESSES IN DEVELOPING COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, IN DEEPENING FRIENDSHIP OF OUR PEOPLES, IN EXTENDING DIRECT CONTACTS IN ALL AREAS OF POTICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL LIFE."

3. LANGAUGE DOES NOT QUITE MAKE ROSY PROSPECTS DEPENDENT ON IMPLEMENTATION, BUT AS PRINTED IN SCINTEIA AUGUST 23, 1977, LAST YEAR'S MESSAGE -- SENT TWO MONTHS AFTER KADAR-CEAUSESCU MEETING -- CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO DEBRECEN/ ORADEA AGREEMENTS, SO IT IS CLEAR GOH HAD POLITICAL POINT TO MAKE THIS YEAR.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN HISTORY OF TRANSYLVANIAN ISSUE, AND EXTREME ROMANIAN SENSITIVITY AND SUSPICION AS TO WHO IS RESPONSIBLE WHEN IT IS RAISED, GOH MAY HAVE BEEN HOLDING FIRE ON HUA VISIT CRITICISM (REF B) IN KNOWLEDGE THAT NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE CONTAINED FIRE ENOUGH FOR ROMANIANS. AGGREY

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